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SUBJ: YOUR MARCH 23 MEETING ON PORTUGAL

REF: USNATO 1601

1. SITUATION HERE AT 0800 MARCH 23 SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED. WE UNDERSTAND SOCIALISTS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT FOR STRONGER ROLE IN GOVERNMENT. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE PUT OUT STATEMENT CALLING FOR END TO SPECULATION ON CABINET CHANGES, AND RADIO TODAY IS SILENT ON THE SUBJECT (THERE IS NO SUNDAY PRESS). THIS COULD MEAN GOP NOW AWARE OF NATO ACTIVITY. I SUSPECT MY COLLEAGUES TALK FREELY ON INTERNATIONAL PHONE.

2. RADIO ANNOUNCED CUBANS AND CZECHS HAVE NOW FORMALLY CONGRATULATED GOP ON PUTTING DOWN COUP. THIS SUGGESTS THAT IF SOVIETS HAVE GOTTEN ANY MESSAGE FROM THE EUROPEANS THEY HAVEN'T YET PASSED IT ON TO THEIR FRIENDS.

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3. I SUGGESTED TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT THAT HE GET
CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO SENIOR HERE, TO COVENE MEETING OF LOCAL
NATO AMBASSADORS. THAT MEETING NOW SET FOR 11:30 AM LOCAL,
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